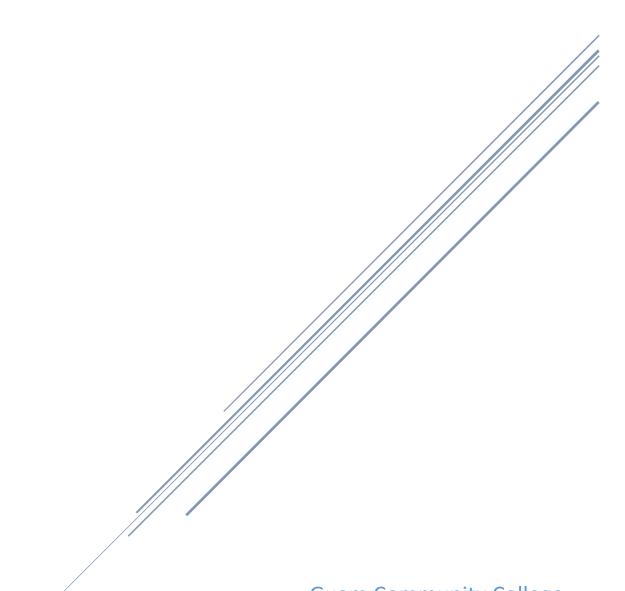
# **DEGREE WORKS**

Student User Guide





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#### Introduction

In an effort to remove the obstacles to student completion and success, the Guam Community College has implemented the Ellucian Degree Works system to help students design and complete their education plans in a timely manner.

Ellucian Degree Works is a comprehensive academic advising, transfer articulation and degree audit solution that helps students and their advisors successfully navigate GCC's curriculum requirements. Students whose degree requirements are under a catalog prior to 2016-2017 should see their academic advisor for more information on what is displayed within their degree audit on the Degree Works system.

# What is Degree Works?

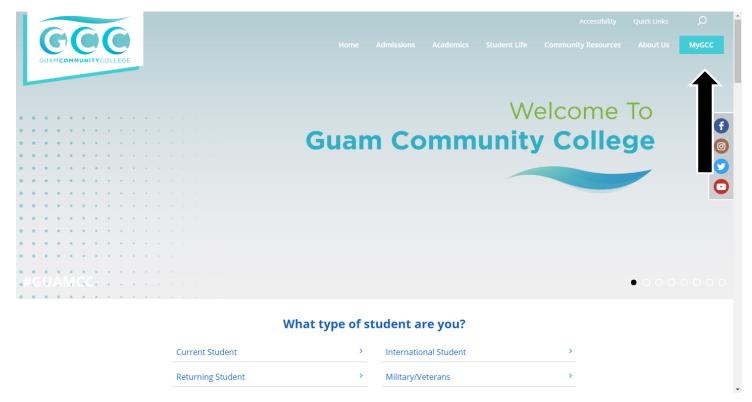
Degree Works is an online advising tool to help monitor your progress toward degree completion. Degree Works matches Guam Community College's degree requirements to the coursework you have completed or have in progress in an easy-to-read worksheet that shows how those courses count toward degree requirements. Degree Works also shows what courses you still need to take.

Disclaimer: You are encouraged to use this degree audit report as a guide when planning your registration and long-term progress toward degree completion. It is not a substitute for academic advising. Be sure to contact your academic advisor for guidance. This audit is not your official academic transcript or a certification of degree completion.

# **Getting Started**

Degree Works is available to all GCC students whose programs are in the GCC Catalog term of Fall 2016 and beyond.

To access Degree Works from the Guam Community College public website (<u>www.guamcc.edu</u>), students should login to their MyGCC account.





# Sign in to your account

Username Password Sign In

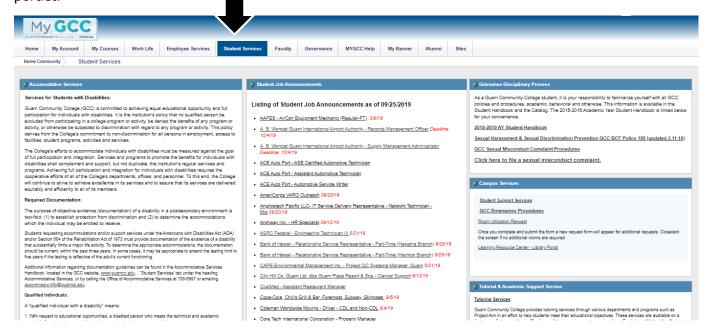
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#### Forgot Password

Still need help? Contact the GCC MIS at email or call 735-5511.

For security reasons, please Log Out and Exit your web browser when you are done accessing services that require authentication!

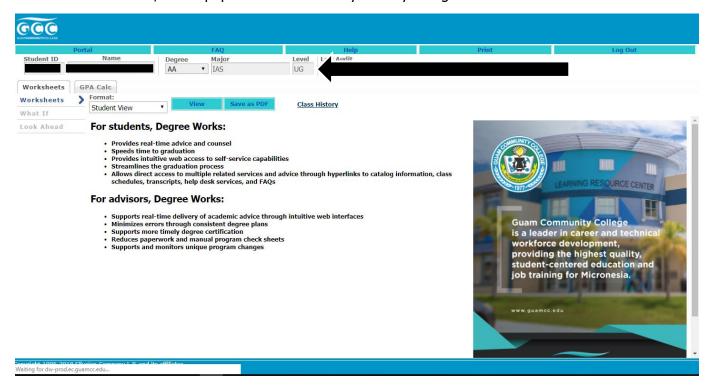
Access Degree Works via MyGCC, through your "Student Services" tab, "Degree Works Dashboard" portlet.





# **Audit Toolbar**

The audit toolbar is located at the top of the Degree Works Dashboard interface. Here, you will find your academic information, which populates automatically when you log in.

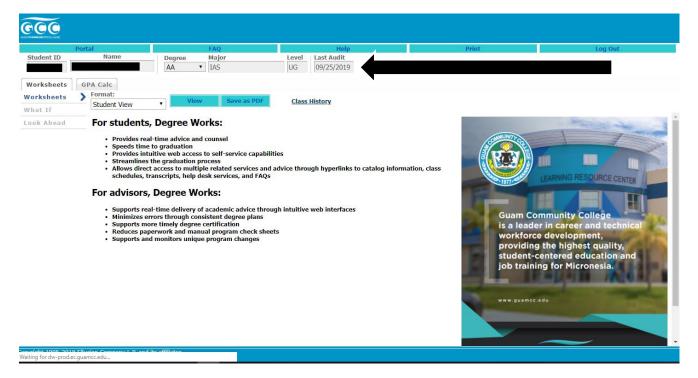


Functionalities		
Student ID	Shows your GCC student ID number	
Name	Shows your name	
Degree	Your current degree will be displayed here	
Major	Your major will be displayed here	
Level	Shows your status as Undergraduate	
Last Audit	Shows the last date an audit was processed for you in Degree Works	

# Worksheets

Degree Works generates an evaluation worksheet that displays courses taken, transfer credits, courses that will meet degree requirements, and courses in-progress.

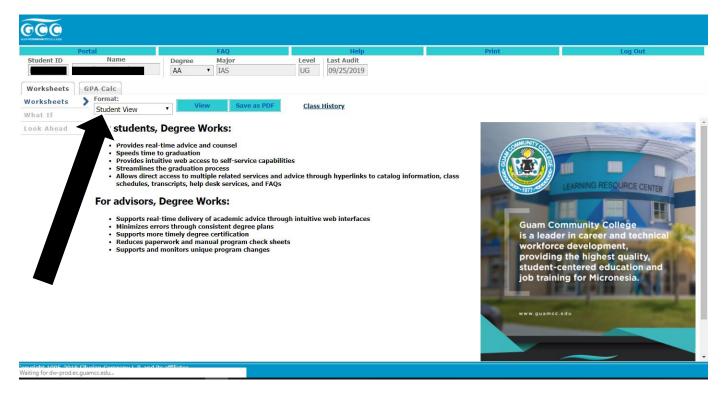
The Worksheets are located under the audit toolbar mentioned above.



Functionalities		
Student View (default)	Provides information about your coursework and degree programs. All degree requirements are organized in blocks such as Degree, Placement, General Education, and Major. Depending on your program and activities, you may have other blocks as well.	
Registration Checklist	Shows only the coursework you have left to complete.	
View	Click on the View button every time you switch to a different audit format.	
Save as PDF	Allows you to save your audit as it appears on the screen. This is usually the preferred view for printing.	
Class History	Provides a list, organized by term, of all the courses you have taken with grades and credits. Transfer credits are also listed.	
What-If	Allows you to process speculative degree audits using your current class history and analyze how a change of major would affect your progress towards graduation.	
Look Ahead	Provides a way to see how planned courses would apply toward your degree.	

#### Formats:

There are different formats to view a degree evaluation. The view is changed through selecting the view option in the "Format" dropdown. Remember: if you change the format option, you must click the "View" button to see the new format selected.



Student view: this is the default viewing of a degree evaluation. This provides detailed and complete audit information.

Registration Checklist: Provides information on requirements still needing to be met. This format does provide information about which courses fulfill each requirement.

### Symbols:

Symbols are located throughout the degree plan. A description can be found in the legend.



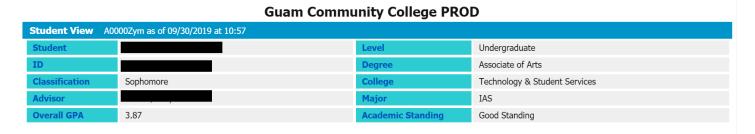
#### Legend:

The legend is available at the bottom of each degree evaluation and is a helpful guide to identify the completion of each requirement.



#### Student Information:

Student information will be displayed in any view option during a degree evaluation. It will indicate the student's Academic Standing, their degree program, and overall GCC GPA.



# Degree Progress:

The degree progress bar provides information as an estimate of your progress through your degree requirements. You should look through your entire degree audit to determine where you stand with regards to the requirements.

Degree Progress	
Requirements 0%	

#### Blocks:

Each section on the worksheet is called a block. The types and number of blocks can vary from student to student depending on the program.

Different types of blocks:

- Degree
- English and Mathematics Proficiency Placement
- General Education
- Major
- Attempted and Insufficient
- Not Counted
- Fallthrough Courses

#### Degree Block

Degree Block is the first block that appears in the degree evaluation. It contains overall information for the degree program, as well as references to individual blocks throughout the worksheet.

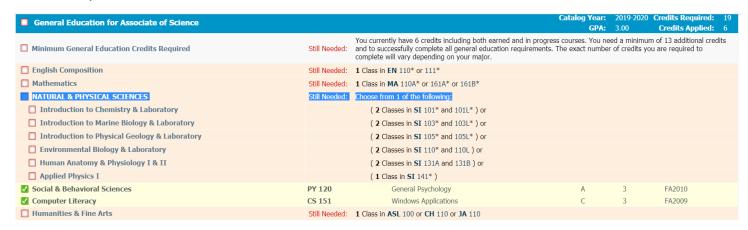
- Catalog Year: Catalog year for degree will be displayed in the top right hand corner of the block.
- GPA: Your current GCC Cumulative GPA is displayed in the top right hand corner of this block.
- Credits Required: Indicates the number of credits required for degree completion.
- Credits Applied: Indicates the number of credits completed toward the required credits for degree completion.



#### General Education Requirements Block

General Education Requirements Block contains all of GCC's General Education requirements.

- Catalog Year: Catalog year for degree will be displayed in the top right hand corner of the block.
- GPA: Your current GCC Cumulative GPA is displayed in the top right hand corner of this block.
- Credits Required: Indicates the number of credits required for General Education completion.
- Credits Applied: Indicates the number of credits completed toward the required credits for degree completion.



#### Major Block

Major Block identifies what courses are required for your program, including completed, remaining, and inprogress requirements.

• GPA: Your current Major GPA is displayed in the top right hand corner of this block.



#### Insufficient Block

Insufficient Block includes repeated courses, withdrawals, and courses with unresolved (incomplete) or failed grades. Insufficient courses do not count toward the total required credits.



#### Fallthrough Block

Fallthrough Block is a list of courses successfully completed by you but are not applicable to the Major.



#### Not Counted Block

Not Counted Block is a list of courses that cannot be applied to a degree.



### What-If Audit

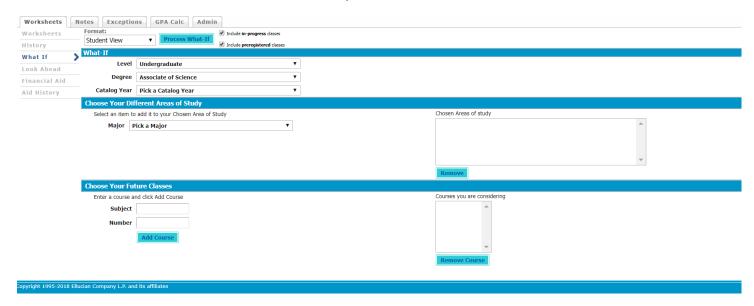
The What-If option allows you to process a speculative degree audit using your current class history and analyze how a change of major would affect your progress towards graduation. You can view which requirements are complete or incomplete in the student view format. These are not stored in the database, but they can be saved as a PDF and printed if you would like to keep a copy.

Once on the What-If tab, select a combination of:

- Degree
- Catalog Year
- Major

The Choose Your Future Classes option allows you to see how planned courses would apply toward your prospective degree program. Enter the subject codes and course numbers in the appropriate fields and click on the Add Course button.

Once all fields have been selected, return to the top, and click on "Process What-If".

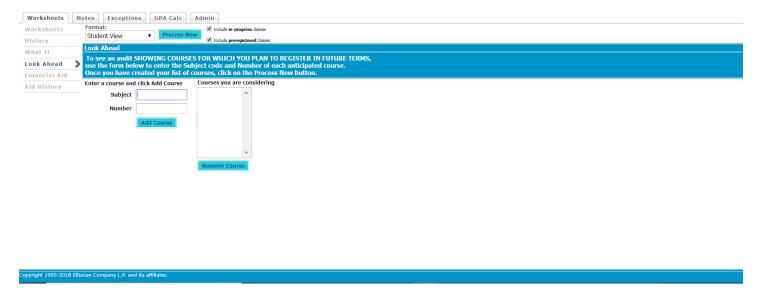


Note: If you navigate away from this page, the what-if audit cannot be accessed again unless you repeat the process as explained above.

# Look Ahead

The Look Ahead function allows you to see how certain courses would apply toward your program requirements and is a useful tool for planning future courses.

- Enter a Subject and Course Number in the appropriate fields.
- Click on the Add Course button. The course will appear in the box next to those fields.
- Repeat these steps with as many courses as you wish.
- Click the Process New button to see the audit with the prospective courses.
- Scroll down to see where each course fits. Look Ahead courses are in blue and highlighted as "planned." If the course(s) do not satisfy any requirements, you will see them under Unrestricted Electives.
- Important: You should still consult with your academic advisor when maximizing the Look Ahead function to follow-up on degree completion and requirements.



Note: The Look Ahead audit is not stored. Make sure you save and/or print before navigating away from the page.

# Problems?

If you encounter any problems with your degree evaluation, please contact your assigned Academic Advisor or contact the Office of Admissions and Registration.